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Applicant : Imad Mahawili, Ph.D  
Group Art : 2835  
Serial No. : 10/074,287  
Filed : February 12, 2002  
For : ULTRA RAPID THERMAL PROCESSING CHAMBER AND METHOD OF USE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| Col. 1  | Col. 2                                    | Col. 3                                | Small<br>Entity  | Other Than A<br>Small Entity |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
|   | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest No.<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Present<br>Extra | Add'l<br>Fee                 |
| Total<br>Claims                                 | * 77                                      | Minus ** 50                           | = 27             | x \$9 \$ .00                 |
| Independent<br>Claims                           | * 5                                       | Minus *** 4                           | = 1              | x \$42 \$ .00                |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims |   |                                       |                  | \$140 \$ x \$280 \$ .00      |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT         |   |                                       |                  | \$ .00 \$570.00              |

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3

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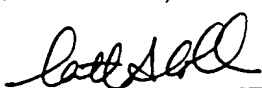
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The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

1. ☐ Small entity status of this application 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2. ☐ No additional Fee is required.
3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$570.00 is attached.
4. ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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CHAMBER AND METHOD OF USE

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CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I certify that the attached return postcard, Election, and a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed May 31, 2002 are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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ELECTION

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed September 30, 2003, having a one-month period of response ending October 30, 2003, Applicant wishes to make the following election. Applicant provisionally elects Claims 1-37 and, further, provisionally elects Species A, namely the semiconductor processing chamber depicted in FIGS. 1-3.

REMARKS

The Examiner requires restriction between two groups of claims, namely Group I represented by Claims 1-37, which are drawn to a semiconductor processing apparatus, and Group II, namely Claims 38-50 drawn to a method of heating a semiconductor substrate. Furthermore, the Examiner requires an election between two species, namely the species identified in FIGS. 1-3 and the species identified in FIGS. 4-6 and 6A. As noted above, Applicant provisionally elects Claims 1-37 and, further, elects the species depicted in FIGS. 1-3. The claims readable on the elected species include Claims 2-10, 16, 17, 18, 19,